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TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR IFIS WORKING GROUP
ON THE NATIONAL PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE PLAN

PROBLEM

1. To define initial terms of reference for the IFIS working group on the National Psychological Warfare Plan for general war.

ASSUMPTIONS

2. The plan will be based on the following major assumptions:

- a. The U.S. and its allies are engaged in a general war forced upon them by the USSR.
- b. U.S. psychological warfare policy is centrally coordinated at the national level, with responsibility for the execution of psychological warfare decentralized under the Joint Chiefs of Staff in theaters of military operations and the Department of State in areas other than theaters of military operations.
- c. U.S. psychological warfare policy and plans will be coordinated, as appropriate, with our allies.

PRIORITY ASSIGNMENTS

3. The working group will give priority to the following elements of the National Psychological Warfare Plan:

- a. A broad statement of national psychological warfare principles, objectives and tasks. This

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statement should include broad objectives with respect to the world as a whole, the Soviet Union, Soviet Satellites, enemy-occupied territory, Allied-occupied territory, Allied Nations, and neutral nations.

- b. A national intelligence estimate for psychological warfare.
- c. Organizational principles for decentralized execution of psychological warfare, including:
 - (1) A basis for orderly transfer of control of U.S. information facilities and appropriate personnel in theaters of military operations to theater commanders.
 - (2) A framework for detailed organizational arrangements for such transfer.
 - (3) Coordination of continued operations in the field among executing agencies (where overlapping areas of interest occur).
 - (4) Establishment of a basis for assignment of clear-cut responsibilities and for coordination of activities among U.S. departments and agencies engaged in foreign information or psychological warfare activities in countries or areas where the U.S. Government maintains a diplomatic mission.